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Via Certified Mail No. 7016 1370 0000 0748 7531 Return Receipt Requested

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RE:

Sediment Sampling and Analysis Plan and Sediment Remediation Plan Consent Decree 3:14-cv-04209

Dear Ms. Cohen,

Thank you for coming to our office on August 28, 2017 to discuss with us the sediment sampling results for the Sims Metal facility at the Port of Redwood City, and to discuss preliminary ideas for developing and implementing a Sediment Remediation Plan (SRP), as required under the above-referenced Consent Decree.

During the meeting, EPA and Sims agreed that the work required by the approved Supplemental Sediment Sampling and Analysis Plan (SSAP)¹ has been completed in accordance with the Consent Decree. We appreciate Sims's timely submission of the analytical results of sediment sampling² in accordance with the SSAP.

As required by Section V, Paragraph 18 of the subject Consent Decree, Sims now has 90 days to submit for EPA's review and approval a draft Sediment Remediation Plan (SRP) describing how Sims intends to remediate the sediment within the sampling area. If additional time beyond the

¹ EPA formally approved the Supplemental SSAP on December 30, 2016. The Supplemental SSAP was developed in accordance with Section V, Paragraph 12, of the Consent Decree and was created in response to EPA's review of the initial SSAP titled *Sediment Investigation Results and Proposed Additional Sediment Sampling* (submitted to EPA on August 31, 2016).

² Your contractor, Terraphase Engineering Inc., provided EPA the analytical results of sediment sampling on May 31, 2017, and the analytical results of samples taken in the rip-rap on August 8, 2017.

90 days is necessary to complete the draft SRP, please provide a written request explaining the reason(s) for the additional time along with a proposed date to submit the plan.

We look forward to receiving your draft SRP. Should you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss additional ideas for the SRP, please contact me at 415-972-3975 or Juliet Hannafin at 415-972-3094, hannafin.juliet@epa.gov. For legal questions please contact Rich Campbell at 415-972-3870 or campbell.rich@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

David Wampler, Manager

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